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An organ recital will be given at the First Methodist church the night of Tuesday, April 18, by Mrs. Chester Murphy Culver. The recital will be under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society. No admission will be charged, but an offering will be received to fund for the maintenance of the great organ, to keep it in tune and repair. There is no other provision for that purpose.



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## PEDAGOGICAL MEET, TUCSON

Opening Session of 24th Annual Meeting of Arizona Teachers Finds Salt River Valley One-sixth of Representation

### TEMPE BOY WINS THE ANNUAL SONG CONTEST

TUCSON, April 12.—Paul McDole, Tempe high school boy, won the annual song contest from a field of seven contestants at the University week opening exercises here today.

Mabel Wylie, of Nogales high school, was second, and Howard Jones, of the Douglas high school, was third.

(Special to The Republican)

TUCSON, April 12.—More than half the teachers here for the twenty-fourth annual State Teachers' Association meetings today when the sessions opened, and of them one-sixth were from Salt River valley.

Representation is very wide and by tomorrow the number of registrations will be fully doubled.

C. O. Case, state superintendent of public instruction, telephoned today he would not be able to make an address, but would come tomorrow.

Co-operation in making Arizona's schools the best in the country was the keynote of the opening session.

The attendance at University Week breaks all previous records. Tucson today is wholly given over to school matters, both in the educational and athletic sides. Tomorrow will witness the first of the sports program with a number of baseball games.

Using school buildings for community forums.

Passed bill authorizing federal government to accept ownership of the birthplace of Abraham Lincoln in Kentucky.

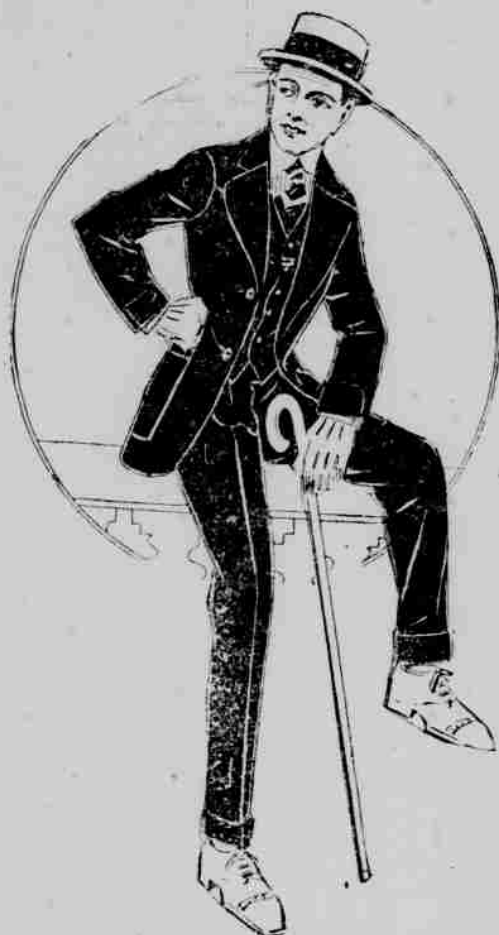
Adjourned 6:15 p. m. to 11 a. m. Thursday.

Edward B. Bailey, a member of the firm of Henry W. Peabody of Boston, today told the senate committee that his firm had been put out of the sisal importing business by the commission regulators, a combination of Yucatan planters formed by authority of the Mexican government to control the sisal crop.

Bailey, whose firm has been charged by the commission with conspiring with the International Harvester company to force down the price of sisal, outlined the charges of the American buyers, that the Yucatan combine, financed by New Orleans bankers, had absolute control over the industry and could force American farmers to pay any price it chose for their twine.

Walter L. Fisher, counsel for the Harvester company, in charging that no sisal is being sold in the United States at present, revealed that farmers are facing a shortage of twine. W. B. Spencer, counsel for the commission, admitted that there were only 10,000 bales available now, and intimated that the Harvester company had bought up the entire market in order to discredit the planters' organization. Senator Gronna suggested that it might be necessary to investigate the twine manufacture in order to safeguard the farmers.

Mr. Bailey denied that there ever had been any agreement between his firm and the Yucatan agent for the company, and Avilino Montez, who



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purpose, Mr. Culver will sing. This will be the third recital given in Phoenix by Mrs. Culver, who is an active member of the Musicians' club.

She is a former Detroit organist, and keen interest is taken in her recitals. Everyone is especially invited to enjoy the evening, and it is hoped that there may be a large collection.

The organ is equipped with a "crescendo pedal" which places the full power of the organ in command and produces, in effect, a third manual or keyboard. It has also several mechanical couplers in addition, which all together make it possible to render on it with fine effect such heavy and ambitious works as appear on the program, that would be impossible on any organ of but two manuals.

The program follows:  
Processional March ..... Guilman  
Prelude and Fugue (in four voices) ..... J. S. Bach  
In Paradise ..... Du Bois  
Marriage Mas ..... Du Bois  
Bass aria ..... Mendelssohn  
From the Oratorio of Elijah ..... Mr. Culver  
Sonata, No. 1 ..... Mendelssohn  
Allegro, Andante, Allegro vivace.

Meditation of Thais ..... Massenet  
Finlandia ..... Sibelius

## PLANTERS PUT SISAL GROWERS OUT OF BUSINESS

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fused to produce before the house naval committee.

Defeated 47 to 24, motion to eliminate provision for manufacture of fertilizer in time of peace in the pending amendment to the army bill for hydro-electric nitrogen plant.

Adjourned 5:55 p. m. to 11 a. m. Thursday.

The House

The house met at noon. Discussed calendar of Wednesday business.

Miss Margaret Wilson advocated a bill before a house committee to per-

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represented the Harvester company there, and asserted his firm, which supplies most of the sisal to the Plymouth Cordage company, never had any relations with the Harvester concern here. He said that except for the compulsion of the planters to join the commission, his firm could compete with the regulator. He could not suggest when the government of the United States could do to relieve the situation.

## UNLESS VILLA IS TAKEN SOON MORE TROOPS MUST MOVE

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In the absence of definite information, General Pershing was not yet inclined to believe the report that he was dead. The report reached here while General Funston and his officers at El Paso were in the midst of negotiations to begin the shipping of supplies over the Mexican Central and its receipt did not alter the conditions nor the work connected with the routine of the campaign. It has not been the subject of communication by General Pershing nor has General Pershing mentioned it in any report.

There was apparent, today, a skepticism among army officers, as to the uninterrupted movement of freight over the Mexican Central to Chihuahua and its subsequent transfer to points on the northwestern near the line of communication. The opinion that the local authorities in Chihuahua would be called to account for permitting it was expressed. Ar-

my officers explained that with General Pershing's advanced forces, 400 miles from their point of entry, the receipt of supplies at an intermediate point would make simpler the distribution of foodstuffs both for men and animals, but that it would not enable him to draw more men to the advance. If it is desired that he continue his advance the necessity for relieving a part of these engaged in guarding the line of communications or of sending thousands of men into Mexico, will be imperative, strategists here declared.

Officers here still are studying shorter routes from the border with the idea of reestablishing the line of communication but the difficulties connected with such a shifting of the line make it more apparent that General Funston may ask for militia to replace troops now on duty along the border in order that these troops, seasoned and disciplined, may be sent to General Pershing.

### To Increase Forces

WASHINGTON, April 12.—Further increase of the United States forces in Mexico is again prominent in official consideration. It was learned tonight that upon the return here on the arrival of Secretary Baker from Cleveland there might be important developments.

In this connection it was officially stated that General Pershing's future movements in the hunt for Villa would include adequate preparations for any eventuality. Strengthening of the line of communication, for which troops are needed, principally has proceeded with that end in view.

Late today confidential advisers were received from General Funston, understood to refer to the question of the line of communication. Despite increased use of Mexican railways in shipping supplies, reported today, there was no suggestion in any official quarter that the strength of the motor truck service would be in the least reduced.

Concern of army officials on the border regarding movement of Carranza troops toward Casas Grandes was reflected to some extent in official quarters here tonight. It was officially stated that General Funston had complete authority for any movement of troops on the border to safeguard the United States advance columns and their lines. General Scott, chief of staff, while denying that any orders to send more troops into Mexico had yet been issued, declared General Funston did not need such authority from Washington and had carte blanche to move any forces in the southern division.

Persistent report that use of the National guard was contemplated drew a statement on good authority that the president was not consider-

ing such a step and that only in the event of more widespread military operations than the mere chase of Villa and his outlaws, would the regular need support.

Problems of maintaining General Pershing's lines and transportation of supplies tonight overshadowed the actual pursuit of Villa. Neither the state nor war department had any further information regarding rumors of Villa's death. The report was scouted in all official quarters as a futile hoax to gain time for Villa.

It was stated that the use of the Mexican Central, or National railway from Juarez, as well as the Mexico Northwestern line, might largely solve transportation problems. The first use of the Mexican Central was made yesterday and also, shipment was understood here to have been made for the first time by an American official direct, the El Paso quartermaster, without resorting to the subterfuge of consigning through brokers or mining concerns.

Officials asserted that use of the

Mexican Central road was not formally requested by this government from the de facto government. It was explained, however, that objection by Carranza to this "commercial" use of the Mexican Central was not anticipated or even indicated in past negotiations. All recent dispatches to the state department are declared to show friendly cooperation of the de facto government in connection with the American expedition, including cooperation of military forces. Shipments of arms and ammunitions for the Carranza government have gone from New York, Laredo and Nogales.

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